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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Frederick J. MURPHY

Serial No.: 09/877,238

Filed: June 11, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
INTERFACING A PLURALITY OF
DEVICES TO A COMPUTER
NETWORK



Atty. Docket No.: 001223.00015

Group Art Unit: 2624

Examiner: TBA

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed July 9, 2001, for which the period for response is extended to December 9, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the executed Declaration/Power of Attorney to complete the filing of the instant application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully request a 3 month extension of time, up to and including December 9, 2001, to respond to the outstanding action in the above-reference application.

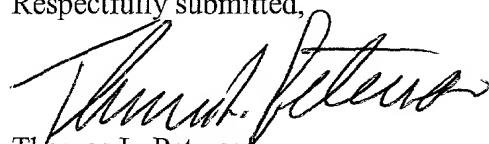
FEES

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Application Filing Fee	740
Excess Independent Claims over 3	
Excess Dependent Claims over 20	504
Extension of Time Fee	920
Late Filing Surcharge	130
SUBTOTAL	2294

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Respectfully submitted,



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Date: December 10, 2001

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Remarks

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	Thomas L. Peterson, Registration No. 30,969
Signature	
Date	December 10, 2001

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

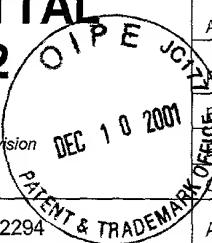
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Complete if Known	
Application Number	09/877,238
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First Named Inventor	Frederick J. MURPHY
Examiner Name	TBA
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Attorney Docket No.	001223.00015

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

Deposit Account Number
19-0733

Deposit Account Name
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Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

Applicant claims small entity status
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

Check Credit card Money Order Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	740
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)				(\$ 740)	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	48	-20 **	= 28	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims		-3 **	= 0	X 84	= 0	
Multiple Dependent				X 0	= 0	

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)				(\$ 504)

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	130
127	50	227	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	Extension for reply within third month	920
118	1,440	218	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
126	180	126	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3)

(\$ 1050)

SUBMITTED BY

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Signature				Date	December 10, 2001

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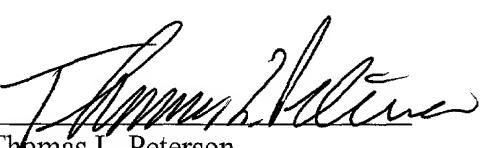
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Sir:

Attached hereto for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office is forty-five (45) sheets (Figures 1-47) of drawings for the above-identified patent application.

It is believed that no fee is required. However, if a fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully Submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

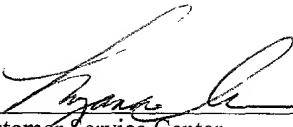
- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$504.
 ■ **\$504 for 28 total claims over 20.**
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity. must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1344.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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